



Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council Law Enforcement Officer or Team of the Year Award

Purpose

To recognize an individual or team that has exemplified the virtues of professionalism and dedication, and demonstrated exceptional service by enforcing fisheries regulations in the federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico.

Frequency

Annual

Eligibility Criteria

- Each agency may submit no more than one nomination for either an Officer of the Year or Team of the Year Award.
- Nominee(s) must be active, full-time, paid, state or federal fisheries law enforcement officer(s) or U.S. Coast Guard officer(s).
- Nominee(s) must reside and be assigned or attached for duty in one of the five Gulf states.
- The duties of the nominee(s) must be relevant to the enforcement of federal fisheries regulations in the Gulf of Mexico region.
- Nominee(s) must demonstrate a good reputation professionally and personally among his or her peers and communities.
- Nominee(s) must have maintained an outstanding level of productivity and professional achievement with a significant positive impact on fisheries enforcement.

Award Criteria

Public Outreach – Nominee(s) excels in educating the public about regional fishery management issues and priorities.

Partnerships – Nominee(s) demonstrates intra- and inter-agency cooperation through team efforts or mentoring others and is dedicated to the federal management of Gulf of Mexico fisheries.

Excellence and Innovation – Nominee(s) is willing to go beyond the call of duty and continually seeks to improve efficiency on the job. Nominee(s) has identified means to increase constituent satisfaction or cost-savings for the agency and has taken steps to achieve implementation.

Attitude and Leadership – Nominee(s) portrays a positive perspective to fellow workers and the public, and takes personal responsibility for meeting commitments and solving problems. Nominee(s) demonstrates standards of excellence and professionalism and exemplifies standards and conduct that reflect honesty and fairness.

Achievements and Accomplishments – The job performance of the nominee(s) demonstrates distinguished career-oriented accomplishments, which have assisted in fulfilling his/her agency’s responsibilities related to the federal management of Gulf of Mexico fisheries.

Other Guidelines

The nomination package may include a letter from the nominee’s agency heads/supervisors in addition to this nomination form, which may be submitted to gulfcouncil@gulfcouncil.org. Nominations should be made for performance in the nomination calendar year.